



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

SV parents & players, I hope you are having a summer full of relaxation, fun, & maybe even a little lacrosse! Speaking of lacrosse, the SV Lacrosse Board & I have some important information to share. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me &/or any member of the SV Lacrosse Board.

*Damon Thorpe
President, SV Lacrosse*

SV LACROSSE BOARD

Here is the list of current board members, their positions, and their contact information. **Please note we have one open position that we need to fill immediately.** If you are interested, please contact me at president@svlax.net.

- **President:** Damon Thorpe, president@svlax.net
- **VP/President Elect:** Chris Escobedo, cdsa09@gmail.com
- **Treasurer:** Cristina Hamilton, cris3013@yahoo.com
- **Secretary:** **OPEN**
- **Vice President, Lacrosse Program:** Jeff Ford, Jeffrey.ford97@gmail.com
- **Vice President, Membership:** Bill Gonser, registraion@svlax.net
- **Vice President, Communications:** Bobby May, bobby@svlax.net
- **Vice President, Fundraising / Sponsorship:** Mark Perry, markperrysvlax@gmail.com
- **Vice President, Field Maintenance & Facilities:** Rich Ortiz, firehot1224@yahoo.com

COACHING OPPORTUNITIES

Have you ever wanted to be a coach? If yes, now is your chance. We are actively looking for volunteers to coach our K/2, 3/4, 5/6, & 7/8 programs. If you or anyone you know is interested in coaching, please let the VP of our Lacrosse Program (Jeff Ford) know immediately. *Note: at some point this fall, we will host a free coaching clinic. Details to follow.*

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the opportunities previously mentioned, we are also looking for volunteers to help with the following projects. If you are interested in helping out, please let us know. ***We need your help!***

- Marketing
- Communications (social media, etc.)
- Fundraisers (Spring Jam, BBQ, etc.)
- Field maintenance
- Game day field prep (1 per team level)
- Game day filming / photography
- End of Year Banquet
- Team Parent / Manager
- Other

FALL LACROSSE

If you are looking for something for your son to do this fall, please consider participating in our fall lacrosse season.

To those of you that are new to the game, we absolutely have a spot for you! Not only will you start to learn & experience a new sport (a

sport by the way that combines many aspects of football, hockey, basketball, and soccer), but you will also become a member of a brotherhood, improve your performance in other sports, and most importantly, have FUN!

To you veterans, we are asking you to participate & to continue to build upon the standard you & others have worked so hard to achieve.

If this sounds like something you are interested in please see the details below.

- **Focus of the Fall Program:** (1) Strength & conditioning; (2) building teams; (3) learning/improving fundamental skills; & (4) having some fun
- **Registration Dates:** 3/4th-12th grade will be open 1 Aug – 14 Oct 2019
- **Season Dates:** 14 Oct – 8 Dec 2019
- **Cost:** 3/4 = \$200, 5/6 = \$250, 7/8 = \$250, & HS = \$275. [Note: the cost covers the registration fees associated w/ two tournaments, practice field rental, stipends for the coaches, lacrosse equipment, etc.]
- **3/4th grade** will be 7v7 on half-fields at Dripping Springs tournament (waiting for confirmation on Longhorn Shootout).
- **Coaches:** Chris Harty (3/4); TBD (5/6); TBD (7/8); Ben Conner (HS).
- **Practice Days:** TBD (3/4); TBD (5/6); TBD (7/8); Tuesday & Thursday (HS)
- **Practice Time:** TBD (3/4); TBD (5/6); TBD (7/8); TBD (HS)
- **Practice Location:** Specht Field
- **Team Parent/Manager:** Each team will need at least one. This position is a vital communication link between the coach and the parents. If interested, please let the VP of Communications (Bobby May) know during the registration process.

- **Tournaments:** (1) 2-3 Nov, Hill Country Halloween Classic, Dripping Springs TX; (2) 7-8 Dec, Longhorn Shootout, Austin TX.
- **Note:** In the event we cannot get enough players to sign up for a particular team, we will either open registration to other players from other programs or refund your money.

FALL UNIFORMS

(1) Uniforms are not that big of a deal for the fall season. In fact, many teams just wear pinnies! (2) We are always looking for ways to reduce operating costs. As a result, **we will not order new uniforms for the fall season.** If your son has an SV uniform from last spring, he is good to go. If your son does not have an SV uniform or SV pinnie, please let Jeff Ford know (jeffrey.ford97@gmail.com) & he will find one.

HELMETS

There are no special helmet requirements (e.g. brand, color, etc.) for the fall season. Please note however that all HS players (9th – 12th) are required to have a navy blue (glossy) Cascade R or S helmet with a white facemask & a white chinstrap for the spring season. Note: all players in the SV program are allowed to order/wear the same helmet as the HS team; however, these helmets will not fit our younger youth players.

For those of you looking for a used helmet, I recommend either reaching out to former SV players or go to a site like <https://sidelineswap.com>.

For those of you looking for a new Cascade R or S helmet, you can order one (or more) during spring registration. Each helmet will cost \$185 to \$200.

SPRING LACROSSE

- **Focus of the Spring Program:** *Win Championships* and help the youth develop.
- **Registration Dates:** **K/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8** = 1 Aug 2019 – 10 Feb 2020; **HS** = 1 Aug 2019 – 3 Jan 2020
- **Season Dates:** **K/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8** = 10 Feb – 26 Apr 2020; **HS** = 3 Jan - 10 May 2020
- **Cost:**
 - **K/2: Base Fee** = \$135 + **Uniforms** = \$90
 - **3/4: Base Fee** = \$235 + **Uniforms** = \$90
 - **5/6: Base Fee** = \$310 + **Uniforms** = \$0 - \$90
 - **7/8: Base Fee** = \$410 + **Uniforms** = \$0 - \$90
 - **HS: Base Fee** = \$825 + **Uniforms** = \$0 - \$180
 - **Notes: (1)** *The base fee helps us cover things like stipends for coaches, field lighting, field maintenance, equipment, EMS coverage, porta potties, trash service, electricity, IT infrastructure, refs, tournament registration fees, etc. (2)* *The total cost of registration depends on which uniform items you need to purchase. For example, if a player needs an entirely new uniform kit, the cost will be the base fee + the cost of the uniform kit. On the other hand, if a player doesn't need any uniform items, the cost will be the base fee only. Finally, let's say a player lost his jersey; he will only have to purchase a single jersey. (3)* **Parents will have the option to pay all fees at once or via monthly payments. (4)** [K-8 uniform orders & payments are required NLT 3 Jan 2020.](#) **(5)** [HS uniform orders & payments are required NLT 6 Dec 2019.](#)
- **Jersey Numbers: (1)** Returning players for each team (e.g. 3/4, 7/8, HS) get to keep

their numbers. **(2)** New players to each team must list five number choices during registration. **(3)** Number selection will be based on seniority (e.g. Seniors before Juniors, Juniors before Sophomores, 8th graders before 7th graders, etc.). **(4)** If a player wants to change his existing number, he can, but it will be at his own expense.

- *The following numbers are **not** available at this time to rising 9th graders:* 1, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 41, 42, 45, 48, 49, & 99.
- **Head Coaches:** Bill Gonser (K/2); Chris Harty (3/4), TBD (5/6), TBD (7/8), Ben Conner (HS).
- **Practice Days:** TBD (K/2); TBD (3/4); TBD (5/6); TBD (7/8); Mon-Fri (HS)
- **Practice Time:** TBD (K/2); TBD (3/4); TBD (5/6); TBD (7/8); TBD (HS)
- **Practice Location:** Jumbo Evans
- **Team Parent/Manager: Each team will need at least one.** If interested, please let the VP of Communications (Bobby May) know during the registration process.
- **Game Schedule:** **K-8** = TBD; **HS** = TBD

SPRING UNIFORMS

Philosophy: Our philosophy regarding uniforms is that: (1) they need to be practical, (2) they need to be functional; (3) they need to represent Smithson Valley, (4) they need to last for multiple seasons, and (5), they need to be priced right.

Cost:

- **K/2 – K/8 Uniform Kit:** (1x Reversible Jersey, 1x pair of shorts, 1x white shooter shirt) = \$90
- **K/2 – K/8 Individual Uniform Items:** Reversible Jersey = \$45; Shorts = \$38; Shooter Shirt = \$17

- **HS Uniform Kit:** (2x Jerseys, 2x pair of shorts, 2x shooter shirts (one blue, one white) = \$180
- **HS Individual Uniform Items:** Jersey = \$55; Shorts = \$38; Shooter Shirt = \$17
- **Notes: (1) All players are expected to have a complete, functional, & presentable uniform. (2) If a player has an incomplete, non-functional, &/or non-presentable uniform, he is expected to replace that item(s) at his expense. It's not the responsibility of the SV Lacrosse program to replace lost, damaged, non-presentable uniform items.**

SPONSORS

For those of you interested in becoming a Smithson Valley Lacrosse Club sponsor or know of a company that may be interested please contact Mark Perry, VP Fundraising, at markperrysvlax@gmail.com. As always, your contributions are very much appreciated!

CONCLUSION

We hope you found this newsletter informative. Again, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the appropriate board member.

